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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER ACCOMPANYING COMMUNICATION AFTER  
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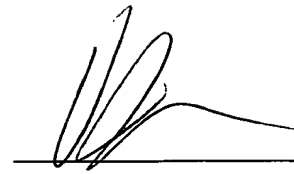
Please make the amendments shown in the attached papers in this application in the:

- ☐ abstract.
- ☐ specification.
- ☐ drawings.
- ☐ claims.
- ☒ This Amendment is needed for proper disclosure or protection of the invention and requires no substantial amount of additional work on the part of the PTO.
- ☐ This Amendment affects the disclosure or scope of a claim. The attached Amendment sets forth the reasons why the Amendment is needed, why the proposed amended or new claims require no additional search or examination, why the claims are patentable, and why they were not earlier presented.
- ☒ The issue fee:
  - ☒ has not been paid.
  - ☐ is paid separately herewith.

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In response to the Notice of Allowance dated **November 10, 2003**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page                      of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page                      of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page                      of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

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### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The sheet which includes Figure 1, replaces the original sheet including Figure 1.

Attachment: One (1) Replacement Sheet

Also, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed for the application on October 23, 2003 and was accompanied by a 1449 Form and copies of the twelve references listed on the form. **Applicants received a return post card from the Patent Office indicating that the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, 1449 Form, and all twelve listed references had been received by the Patent Office on October 27, 2003.** A copy of the return post card is enclosed. Applicants have not yet received initialed copies of the 1449 Form from the Examiner. Pursuant to a telephone conversation with Examiner Abrams courtesy copies of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, 1449 Form, and the one referenced article (Examiner stated during conversation that we need not send U.S. Patent reference) are enclosed herewith. Applicants respectfully ask the Examiner to initial and return the 1449 Form to their undersigned representative prior to the due date for payment of the issue fee (February 10, 2004), confirming consideration of the listed references.

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